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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM EAGLEBURGER

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CONSULTATION WITH THE SOVIETS ON BLOOD COUNT

1. AS YOU KNOW IN THE COURSE OF OUR BLOOD TESTING PROGRAM IN MOSCOW, WE HAVE DETERMINED THAT A RELATIVELY LARGE PERCENTAGE OF THOSE TESTED HAS SHOWN BLOOD COUNT EVIDENCE OF VIRAL INFECTIONS.

2. IN ATTEMPTING TO TRACK DOWN THE CAUSE OR CAUSES WE NOW THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF WE COULD OBTAIN FROM THE SOVIETS SOME PERTINENT INFORMATION SUCH AS BLOOD COUNTS FROM A GENERAL POPULATION IN MOSCOW IN ORDER TO COMPARE DIFFERENTIAL WHITE CELL COUNTS.

3. I WOULD LIKE YOUR ADVICE ON WHETHER YOU SEE ANY PROBLEMS WITH AN APPROACH TO THE SOVIETS AND HOW YOU THINK IT CAN BEST BE DONE. ONE POSSIBILITY WOULD BE FOR YOU TO CALL THE MINISTER OF HEALTH TO EXPLAIN OUR PROBLEM AND ASK
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ASSISTANCE; DR. JOHNSON COULD FOLLOW UP WITH WHOMEVER THE

SOVIETS MIGHT DESIGNATE. MED WOULD IN THAT CASE PROVIDE
DR. JOHNSON WITH INSTRUCTIONS ON WHAT WOULD BE NEEDED FROM
THE SOVIETS. WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO SHARE WITH THEM DATA
FROM OUR TESTING (WITHOUT NAMES OF COURSE). KISSINGER

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